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## PROFITABLE MEETING OF COUNTY TEACHERS

Large Number In Attendance Upon Institute

## MODEL SCHOOLS VISITED FRIDAY

With a very large proportion of the County Teachers in Attendance the Annual County Institute Proved very Successful Last Week.

With over four fifths of the county teachers in attendance, the annual county teachers' institute was successfully held in the school auditorium Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. The sessions were marked by studious work on the part of the teachers and entertaining as well as instruction addresses by the speakers engaged for the occasion. The morning hours Friday and Saturday were devoted to a study and discussion of school problems and the evenings were given over to lectures by prominent educators. Supt. of Education J. H. Sullivan and Prof. Ralph Wilson, of the Gray Court-Owings school alternately presided over the meetings.

Thursday evening the association and its friends listened to addresses by Prof. Lucio Gunter, state supervisor of rural schools, and Dr. J. Henry Harms, president of Newberry College. Prof. Gunter spoke on "The Specialized Teacher," emphasizing the importance of studying the child so as to be able to direct his studies along those lines which will prove most profitable to him. Dr. Harms delivered a delightfully entertaining as well as inspiring lecture on the subject "The House that Jack Built" stressing the importance in life of laying a foundation of character upon which to build one's career. After the addresses an informal reception was tendered the teachers, ice cream and cake being served by pupils of the graded school.

Friday morning was devoted to observation work in the school rooms, special programs of study having been provided by the superintendent of education. Discussion of various study plans followed. The observation work and informal discussion were counted among the most important phases of the institute's work. In the afternoon of the same day Miss Mary Elizabeth Hite, president of the state improvement association, addressed the teachers on the subject of "The Relation of the Rural School to the Community." Friday night the association was addressed by State Superintendent of Education J. E. Swearingen and Prof. W. H. Hand, state supervisor of high schools. The meeting adjourned Saturday morning after a business session in the school auditorium.

A very delightful event of the meeting contributing to the social enjoyment of the occasion was an automobile ride Friday afternoon. Taking cars at the school building the teachers were driven to three model rural school buildings near the city. The first stop was made at the Barksdale school, which is a one story bungalow structure which is nearing completion. From here the teachers were carried to the imposing new building now under construction at Gray Court-Owings the largest school building in the county outside of Laurens and Clinton. After viewing both the exterior and interior of this building, which will be modernly outfitted, a drive was made to the Trinity-Ridge school, which has been spoken of as an ideal rural school. Here a welcoming committee composed of the ladies of the school improvement association and their friends met the teachers and tendered light refreshments which were greatly enjoyed after the long ride. The reception committee directed the visitors all through the building which was appropriately decorated in flowers and autumn leaves. Particular attention was paid to the large dining room and range in the basement where the children are taught in the domestic sciences and where the people of the community meet together for social intercourse and have refreshments. From Trinity-Ridge the course was directed to Laurens where the outing ended.

Before adjournment resolutions were drawn up thanking the teachers and citizens of the town for their part in the entertainment. The following resolutions were adopted:

## NO VIOLATION OF LAW.

Cotton Loan Fund Plan Declared within the Law by Gregory.

Washington, Nov. 7.—No violation of Federal anti-trust laws is threatened by the cotton loan fund plan recently perfected by bankers and members of the Federal reserve board, according to an opinion handed down late today by Attorney General Gregory at the request of President Wilson.

Success of the \$135,000,000 cotton pool now is believed by treasury officials to be assured. More than \$80,000,000 of the \$100,000,000 to be raised among Northern bankers already has been subscribed, and practically all of the remainder, it is understood, has been promised on condition of favorable opinion from the Attorney General. New England financiers, it was reported, were reluctant to enter the plan until definitely assured that the method of raising the fund would not be construed as unlawful.

## Evening Trains Discontinued.

Announcement has been made from headquarters of the C. & W. C. railroad that the two evening trains, No. 55 and No. 56, to and from Greenville in the evenings will be discontinued will be discontinued on Nov. 15th. To take care of passenger traffic from Greenville in the afternoon, freight train No. 26, leaving Greenville at 3:10 P. M., will carry a day coach for passengers. No information has been received from the C. & W. C. as to any change on that road.

## Office in Enterprise Building.

Mr. D. H. Counts, the well known stock and vehicle dealer, has moved his office into one of the rooms under the Enterprise National Bank, where he is conveniently located to look after his varied interests.

## Box Supper at Lisbon.

A box supper will be given at the Lisbon school Friday night for the benefit of the school fund. The ruble is invited to attend. An enjoyable program has been arranged.

## John Watts Improving.

Mr. John Watts, son of Judge R. C. Watts, is reported very much improved at the Julia Irby sanitarium where he has been treated since being wounded some time ago.

## Notice to K. of P's.

There will be a regular meeting of Laurens Lodge, No. 43, on Monday night, Nov. 16, at 7:30 o'clock. There will be work in the third degree. It is earnestly hoped that there will be a large attendance.

Resolutions were adopted thanking the local teachers for their assistance:

"We, the teachers of Laurens county, desire to express our thanks to the teachers and citizens of the city for their kindness and hospitality shown us during the session of Teachers' Institute. We appreciate the cordial reception you gave us, and especially thank those who carried us joy riding Friday afternoon, in order that we get recreation, and at the same time inspect the beautiful new school buildings at Barksdale, Gray Court-Owings and Trinity-Ridge. This was highly enjoyed and we also wish to thank the patrons of these schools for their kindness in entertaining us. We assure you that we are greatly benefited, and inspired to do more than ever to make Laurens county the leading one in education, by having spent the week-end in your city."

The resolutions thanking the citizens of the town were as follows:

"To Superintendent and Teachers of Laurens City School:

"In behalf of the members of the County Teachers' Association, and at the request of Mr. Wilson, I wish to thank you most heartily for every kindness and courtesy shown us during the Institute. We appreciate your efforts toward making it such a success. We are greatly benefitted by having observed your class-room work and your beautiful building, your splendid method of teaching is an inspiration to us to press forward, and achieve better results in our county schools. With best wishes for continued success,

"Sincerely yours,

"Ruefa Wolff.

"Gray Court, S. C.  
Nov. 9, 1914."

## MEXICAN SITUATION SERIOUS AGAIN

Carranza Failed to Answer United States

## GUTIERREZ IS READY TO COVER ALL POINTS

New Provisional President Goes in at 6 P. M. Today and, if Carranza Doesn't Recognize Him, Carranza Then Becomes a Mexican Rebel.

Washington, Nov. 9.—Administration officials admitted tonight that the Mexican situation again had assumed a serious aspect.

General Carranza has fulfilled partially Washington's request for guarantees before withdrawing American troops from Vera Cruz, but this decree does not satisfy the main point asked by the United States—that Mexicans who served the American government during the occupation of that port be not punished subsequently for such service.

At 6 o'clock tomorrow night General Eulalio Gutierrez, selected by the Aguas Calientes convention, will be sworn in as provisional president of Mexico. Carranza has been informed, and immediate hostilities against him as a rebel will begin if he does not recognize the authority of Gutierrez.

On account of the brevity of Carranza's tenure, the American government in all probability will take no cognizance of the decree which he is reported to have issued respecting the American occupation of Vera Cruz.

Gutierrez already has assured agents of the United States government that when he is sworn in he will issue a proclamation covering all points desired. General Villa has stated that he will back up Gutierrez in such a proclamation.

A difficult situation may arise, however, if, as generally expected in Washington, Carranza defies the convention and his followers and those under control of the convention to battle. General Candido Aguilar, commanding the state of Vera Cruz, is loyal to Carranza with unrest inspired by Carranza through the issuance of circulars and petitions calling on the American forces to withdraw, officials realize that the situation at Vera Cruz might become strained at any moment.

In official quarters here there is a feeling that Carranza realizes that the bulk of the army is against him and will not oppose the convention's orders. A special agent of the American government at Aguas Calientes reported that the convention recently admonished Carranza not to attempt to distribute a fund of 5,000,000 pesos through the army as he planned, giving generals 5,000 each and privates 10 pesos each outside of their salary. The convention informed Carranza he would be held personally responsible for the use of the funds.

The assembly also has issued a manifesto proclaiming its sovereignty and has telegraphed all agencies throughout foreign lands and through Mexico, stating that it will be in supreme control of government machinery after November 10th.

Gutierrez, with the consent of the convention, has named Enrique Lorente as special representative in Washington. He formerly was Mexican consul at Galveston and El Paso and married the daughter of a prominent American in Galveston. He is

## GRAIN CAMPAIGN TO START HERE

Commissioner Watson to Inaugurate Grain Campaign Here Monday Morning.

According to a program announced in the morning papers and letters received in the city yesterday, a meeting of farmers will be held in Laurens Monday morning for the purpose of discussing plans for making this state a grain producing state. The meeting here is to be the first of a series held in the county seats all over the state. Though definite information as to the meeting is lacking, except that it is to be held, it is understood that one of the principal things to be discussed will be the question of procuring seed for the grain crop. A large attendance of farmers is desired.

## COURT IN SESSION.

Number of Cases Disposed of of Minor Character.

The court of common pleas entered upon its second week Monday morning, with Judge T. S. Sease, of Spartanburg, presiding. Since the last issue of The Advertiser the following cases have been disposed of, all being of minor character:

Boyce Sims vs C. & W. C. railroad, verdict for the railroad.

Counts & Cowan vs P. N. Hunter, involving the sale of a horse, verdict for the defendant.

Counts & Cowan vs John D. Hunter, involving a sale of a horse, mistrial. J. M. Owensby vs C. & W. C. railroad, verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$25. Owensby sued the railroad for damages to goods in shipment from Chicago to Gray Court. The railroad proved that the goods were shipped under the wrong classification and that the plaintiff was in debt to the railroad rather than the railroad being in debt to him.

Thomas Bailey vs J. Milam Hellams, verdict for the plaintiff for \$75. Mr. Bailey sued Mr. Hellams as a result of an automobile collision in Clinton about a year ago when Mr. Hellams ran into Mr. Bailey. The suit was for \$1,000.

Terry Fish Co. vs Harrison Hunter, verdict for \$100.85. This suit was in settlement of an account.

C. A. Reed Organ Company vs Bethel A. M. E. church, suit withdrawn from jury to permit defendant to amend answer.

Mrs. M. A. Mauldin vs Boozie Maddox, verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$87.50.

Simpson vs Western Union Telegraph Company, not pressed.

Court took a recess yesterday afternoon after a hearing on an equity case.

## On Penitentiary Board.

According to a special to The Spartanburg Herald yesterday afternoon, Geo. A. Browning, Jr., of Goldville, has been named by Gov. Bleas as a member of the board of directors of the state penitentiary, to succeed A. K. Saunders, of Sumter, recently elected to the house.

Still under indictment for alleged receding of Mexicans on American territory during the Madero regime.

Secretary Bryan has made representations to the authorities at the City of Mexico through the Brazilian minister and American Consul Sullivan to obtain the release from prison of Augustin Rodriguez, who was one of the Mexican envoys at the Niagara Falls mediation conference.

## TOMATO CLUB WINNERS.

Prize Winners at the County Fair have been Announced.

Miss Janey C. Garlington, tomato club organizer, who was in charge of the tomato club booth at the county fair, has announced the list of prize winners, as follows:

Best history of work—Bed room slippers given by Minter Co.—Hazle Pitt.

Best display in glass—Toilet water by Powe Drug Co.—Brooksie Davenport.

Greatest variety of jelly—Thirty-seven piece dinner set by S. M. & E. H. Wilkes—Vera Baldwin.

Best selection of preserves—Picture by R. W. Willis—Maggie Clardy.

Highest score on variety—Pocket book by Switzer Co.—Margaret Dunlap.

Highest score on quality—\$5.00 pen by Fleming Bros.—Vera Baldwin.

Greatest number of canned tomatoes—Parasol by W. G. Wilson—Leona Crumblins.

Best selection of canned fruits—Toilet water by Laurens Drug Co.—Margaret Dunlap.

## Sullivan Township.

Prettiest display in glass—Bushel of Lookout Mountain potatoes by Mr. Will Harris—Eula Pitts.

Greatest number of canned goods—Pig, by Mr. Walter Baldwin—Brooksie Davenport.

Greatest variety of jelly—Pair of chickens by Capt. Humbert—Vera Baldwin.

## Hunter Township.

Best cap and apron made and laundered by girl—Brass jardiniere by Young's Pharmacy—Irene Blalock.

Best display in glass—Kodak by Clinton Pharmacy—Margaret Dunlap.

Largest ripe tomato by Sept. 25th—Bed room slippers by Bee Hive—Irene Blalock.

Best selection of pickles—Scissors by M. S. Bailey & Co.—Margaret Dunlap.

Greatest number of canned tomatoes from 25 plants—Fountain pen by Clinton Chronicle—Sudie Lowe.

## Winthrop Scholarships.

For the summer of 1915—Vera Baldwin and Claudia Stone.

## POTATO CLUB FORMED.

School Teacher and Children of Youngs School to Supplement Special Taxes with their Own Labor.

The boys have had their corn clubs, the girls their tomato clubs, the women their bridge and other kind of clubs, the men their social clubs and now comes another kind of club, the potato club. From Youngs township comes the news that such a club has been formed at the Youngs school to raise Irish potatoes. The potatoes are to be cultivated not only as a means of teaching and encouraging the children in agricultural pursuits but to raise money for immediate needs. The formation of the club was inspired by experience gained during the past session when a few potatoes were grown on a small plot adjoining the school house. Having met with such success, the teacher and trustees decided to extend their operations. A larger plot adjoining the school has been loaned for the purpose and an entire acre will be put to seed.

The potato club is composed of the teacher and a number of the school children. They will work under the supervision of several public spirited young men of the community, Messrs. Teague, Harris, Gaston, Abercrombie and Alvin Riddle. The proceeds from the sale of the potatoes will be used to supplement the eight mill special school tax already levied.

## LOSS IS OVER \$145,000,000.

On Cotton and Cotton Seed Caused by the War.

Washington, Nov. 7.—War's effect on the price of cotton and cotton seed has caused a loss of about \$145,000,000 to American cotton farmers this year, it was announced today by the bureau of crop estimates of the department of agriculture.

## Dr. Reid to Preach.

Dr. R. C. Reid, a member of the faculty of the Presbyterian seminary at Columbia, will preach at the First Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening. Dr. Reid is a very eloquent and graceful speaker to whom it will be a treat to listen. Following the morning sermon communion services will be held.

## RUSSIAN OFFENSIVE GAINING HEADWAY

Now Across the East Prussian Frontier.

## GERMANS SENDING TROOPS TO WEST

Conflict Reports as to Russian and German Successes in the Eastern Seat of War. No Change in Political Situation in the Balkans.

London, November 7.—Except for the fall of Tsing-Tau, the most significant report from any of the battle fronts today—and the most welcome to the allies—is that the Russians besides driving the Austrians back in Galicia have reached the Warthe River, in Russian Poland, and have established themselves on the East Prussian frontier.

A Berlin official report says some Russian cavalry crossed the Warthe, but were driven back. To this the Russian report adds that the town of Warta, on the Warthe River, in Poland, has been occupied and that a German column has proceeded westward through Czenstochowa, near the Silesian frontier.

The Russians, too, are responsible for the report that they have defeated the Germans near Mlaw, in Poland, just across the East Prussian boundary, and at Lyck, in East Prussia.

Military observers here say the Russians have followed the retiring Germans at a much faster pace than was anticipated and that if they are in force they may prevent the Germans from taking up their new positions on the Warthe and compel them to fall back to the Silesian border.

Despite all this, reports persist that the Germans are sending westward large numbers of their troops who have been fighting in Poland to oppose the allies in France and Belgium. That they would do this with enormous Russian forces threatening their own and richest territory military men here say seems highly improbable unless the Germans are satisfied a small force can prevent the Russians entering Silesia and East Prussia.

In the west the ding-dong fighting continues. The Belgians, who hold the lines along the coast, are being given a comparative rest after their three months of almost continuous fighting. The Germans still are concentrating around Ypres, where they are trying to hack their way through the Anglo-French troops to the coast.

Both sides claim to have made progress here, the Anglo-French forces southeast of the town and the Germans southwest. Correspondents in the rear of the armies say the fighting has not appreciably lessened and that both sides are using a tremendous weight of artillery in an endeavor to clear the ground for an infantry advance.

Both armies are being reinforced. It seems to be realized that the Germans cannot proceed further west because of the co-operation of the warships with the land forces, and that a route either here or further south must be found if the Germans are to attain their ambition of reaching the French coast.

Elsewhere along the line the usual attacks and counter-attacks have been delivered with success, first to one and then to the other side, but without material change in the situation.

Things are moving slowly in the near East, so far is known here. The only news from there today concerns the bombardment of the ports of Zenguldiak and Kuzlu, on the Asia Minor coast of Turkey, by a Russian fleet and the sinking of several Turkish transports. It is said also that the Russians have occupied the entire region northeast of Erzerum, in Asia Minor. Russia is said to be finding useful allies in the Armenians, who at last see a hope of freedom from Turkish rule.

There is no change in the political situation in the Balkans. It is said, however, that agitation has been renewed in Roumania for the pacification of that country in the war on the side of the allies.

The fall of Tsing-Tau caused rejoicing here. It is believed that with the surrender of the German forces in the Anglo-Japanese fleet which took part in the siege will be detailed.

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## SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE

This is the season of the year when The Advertiser collects the largest part of its subscription receipts. Large numbers of subscriptions are now falling due and very few of them are being paid. Of course we know the reason for this, realizing, as we do, the scarcity of money consequent upon the holding movement. However, we feel that the time has come for us to call upon our friends for a payment on their paper. One dollar from each of our subscribers in arrears would make a substantial contribution to our operating fund and make our way more pleasant. Like all other business houses, it is essential that we collect promptly the bills owing us as it takes money to keep the wheels running.

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